

ASCENDS HIGH PEAK.

Miss Annie S. Peck Breaks Record in Mountain Climbing.

Attains the Loftiest Altitude Ever Reached by Man—Party Carries Oxygen in Bags and Condensed Foods.

Aided by oxygen carried in cans and other carefully selected helps to the modern mountain climber, a woman—Miss Annie S. Peck, of Chicago—has attained the highest altitude ever reached by man. She has accomplished the feat of ascending Mount Sorata, in Bolivia, whose height is estimated at from 21,000 to 25,000 feet, and is exceeded only by the unconquered peaks of the Himalayas.

Some scientists believe Sorata to be even higher than the Himalaya peaks, and it is possible that when the measurements made by Miss Peck's expedition are received man will be known to have reached the highest point in the world, and the honor of having accomplished this will be a woman's.

Miss Peck, who is well known as a mountain climber and is known socially in Chicago and other large cities of the country, was accompanied on the trip by President W. A. G. Ticht, of the University of New Mexico, and three guides, one of whom is Antone Maguana, who guided Sir Martin Conway, the noted English explorer, when he attempted and failed to do what Miss Peck has just accomplished.

Besides having attained the chief object of reaching the summit of what has been considered an inaccessible peak, the expedition is believed to have found much of interest to the scientific world. Dr. Ticht's purpose in accompanying the expedition was mainly to find the remains of a pyramidal city, believed to be buried high up on the mountain side, and about which weird stories are told. Besides the locating of this pyramidal city, there are other questions of much interest in connection with the Andes, which the expedition, having reached the top, has been in a position to settle for the benefit of the world of science.

Before sailing from New York last June Miss Peck paid the successful ascent of Mount Sorata would be the crowning event of her life. Five thousand dollars was spent in making the expedition the best equipped of its kind, care being taken to provide for every obstacle met by men who have attempted but failed to reach Sorata's top. In the equipment were five oxygen tanks, one for each member of the party, and an extra tank for emergencies. These were made of rubber, to be carried on the shoulders. Each had a capacity of ten gallons. Dr. Ticht carried an apparatus for manufacturing the oxygen. The party depended for food mainly upon parched maize and native wine, but also carried a supply of condensed foods, including erskewurst, the food of the German army.

The ascent of Mount Sorata crowns a remarkable career of mountain climbing by a woman who in a few years has ascended the highest peaks of Europe and America, including Mount Orizaba in Mexico, which is 18,600 feet high, and, next to Mount McKinley, is the highest peak in North America, Mount McKinley being 29,000 feet. Miss Peck is a graduate of the University of Michigan and formerly was professor of Latin at Smith college.

REVEALS THE PAST.

French Antiquarian Discovers Magic Mirror Through Which Marvelous Results Are Obtained.

M. Gayet, a French antiquarian, making researches in the ancient soil of Antioch, recently made some strange discoveries. He unearthed the body of a certain woman magician named Myrithes, with several of the implements of her trade, among them a magic mirror and some cabalistic writings.

Later, coming in contact with a young man endowed with psychometric gift, the antiquarian declares that marvelous results were attained.

The brain cells of this young man vibrate not at 54 pulsations, like those of an ordinary man, but at 100, and if an object is given him and he presses it against his forehead, he can evolve scenes that took place in the presence of that object.

As a consequence he was able to call up one scene after another with the aid of the magic mirror, describing faithfully the country of Antioch and the costumes of the remote period in which the magician lived, though he knew nothing of the place nor the epoch. He finally called up such pictures of blood and carnage that the agonized M. Gayet could endure no more. He regards the instance as one of the most remarkable on record.

LET HORSE SELECT WIFE.

Hendricks County, Ind., Woman Makes Odd Charge in Suit for Divorce.

Mrs. Ralph E. Brown, of Hendricks county, Indiana, in a suit for divorce, charges that her husband let a horse select his wife. She and Mr. Brown were married in August last and separated in December. She says Mr. Brown was paying attention to a woman in Indianapolis and she herself lived in Clayton. On the day fixed for the wedding Brown got into his buggy undecided whether to marry her or the Indianapolis girl. He dropped the reins over the dashboard and left the decision to the horse, which turned off at the Clayton road, thus deciding the defendant in his choice of a wife.

Stern Chase.

The word "yacht" comes from the old Viking word "jagt," meaning a chase, remarks the Ohio State Journal, and Sir Thomas has decided that the Viking language has no word meaning to "catch up."

DISCOVERY OF NEW METAL.

May Be Used by Dental Profession to Advantage—Inventor Refuses to Divulge Secret.

James H. Duffy, of East Machias, Me., who claims to have discovered last year the secret, long lost, of tempering copper, brass, lead and aluminum, now announces that he has invented a new dental metal, similar to that now used for casting molds for rubber plates and for crown and bridge work.

For these purposes a metal is required that will both heat and cool quickly, and Duffy claims that his metal, while possessing that quality, can also be produced at about one-fourth the cost of the metal now in use. Local dentists have tried it and samples have been sent to dentists in Boston and New York, who report that it is entirely satisfactory.

When Duffy announced last year that he had rediscovered the method of tempering copper he exhibited a hatchet, a razor and other implements, which had fine and hard edges and which he declared to be tempered copper. He then invented a metal for journal bearings, which he claimed to be superior to Babbitt metal and only about one-tenth as expensive. This metal was tried in sawmills at East Machias, and is said to have proved all that the inventor claimed for it.

Duffy says that a lumber mill owner in Minneapolis came to Machias for the purpose of purchasing this invention, but that he declined to sell, or even entertain an offer. He declares that none of his secrets is for sale at any price, and, as he has no capital with which to place the inventions on the market, people wonder, supposing all that he claims is true, what he expects to accomplish.

BRITAIN'S MONEY CHANGERS.

During 1902 England Loaned to Foreign Countries and Colonies Over Six Billion Dollars.

According to Great Britain's official statistical abstract, the total amount of British money loaned to India, the colonies and foreign countries in 1902 was \$6,992,858,800—a big row of figures, whose full meaning is not easily grasped.

They mean that the British people, numbering 40,000,000, have invested the savings of centuries in lands beyond the seas to the extent of about \$107 per capita for every man, woman and child in the three islands.

One-half of all British investments abroad are estimated to be in foreign countries. The interest paid yearly to the British people on their foreign and colonial investments is stated at \$204,642,900.

This fact explains why British imports so greatly exceed exports year after year, and still the country increases its wealth. The foreign debtors make good the difference.

DIVORCED AND REMARRIED.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reed, of Council Bluffs, Ia., Principals in Queer Proceeding.

It took just five minutes the other day from the time Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reed, of Council Bluffs, Ia., secured divorces from each other for the two to be remarried, the newly wedded husband saying: "Now you belong to me," as the ceremony was pronounced, to the woman who had belonged to him for several years until five minutes before that time.

The Reeds each filed suit for divorce some weeks ago, and both cases came up on the same day. Each was granted a divorce, Mrs. Reed being given her maiden name. Immediately after they stepped into the adjoining clerk's office and secured license to wed. A justice entered the room at the opportune moment and performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed refuse to discuss the matter or tell why they changed their minds about a separation.

OLD BATTLESHIP TORPEDOED.

Experiment at Portsmouth, Eng., Proves Futility of Plan to Keep Damaged Craft Afloat.

The old battleship Belle Isle was torpedoed at Portsmouth, England, the other day, and sank at her moorings. For the purposes of the experiment a section had been constructed on the port side of the Belle Isle representing the side of a modern battleship. This was filled with a substance, the invention of an American, which, it is claimed, would prevent a ship from sinking when the hull is penetrated below the water line.

When the vessel was struck a huge column of water enveloped her, she rolled heavily, and then settled down with a list to port. The Belle Isle will be raised for further experiments. It is said the damage done to the ship's bottom was extensive.

England's Nutmeg Supply.

The nutmeg supply of England and her colonies is almost entirely in the hands of Dutchmen. The bulk comes from the island of Banda, and over 80 per cent. of the world's crop from the Dutch West Indies. The fruiting powers of the trees are remarkable. They start fruiting when about 12 years old, and yield regularly for 60 or 80 years. They carry blossoms and fruits without intermission through every month in the year. The nutmeg, as we know it in this country, is really the entire kernel of the fruit, and in color the latter resembles the peach. The kernels are dried for export purposes, and in this process they lose their purple hue.

Not Necessary.

A bride in Philadelphia compelled the groom to sign a written agreement to eliminate the word "obey" from the wedding service. This, remarks the Chicago Tribune, was totally unnecessary.

A HUMAN OSTRICH.

Alabama Man Who Has an Unusual Appetite.

Civil Service Commission Decides Person Who Diet on Glass, Nails, Pebbles, Etc., Unfit to Hold Government Position.

The civil service commission has decided that a constant diet of glass, tacks, brass watch chains, frogs, soap, collar buttons, wire nails, broken china and belt buckles renders a man unfit to hold a government situation and ordered that the name of Lee W. Wright, better known as the "human ostrich," be dropped from the eligible list.

The case was brought to the attention of the civil service commission by the complaint of R. D. Barker, postmaster at Mobile, Ala., who refused to recommend Wright, who headed the eligible list of the Mobile post office, for a place under him, and asked the commission how he was to avoid making the appointment.

The postmaster said he thought a man who had three square meals a day and carried around an assortment of the above mentioned articles for his own refreshment between breakfast and dinner and dinner and supper was a crank, and he didn't want him around the office.

The postmaster at Palmyra, Mo., told his colleague at Mobile how Wright had left his home in that town one day without his lunch and endeavored to satisfy the pangs of hunger at noontime with a handful of assorted brook pebbles, two or three horseshoe nails, a brass scarfpin and a small piece of wire fencing.

The postmaster said he didn't know whether it was the pebbles or the wire fencing that disagreed with Wright, but he was taken violently with indigestion and after all other remedies had failed was placed on the operating table and the contents of his stomach removed. Lots of other things besides his lunch of pebbles, horseshoe nails, scarfpins and wire fencing were found, including a silver hunting case watch and \$7 cents in small change.

The human ostrich rallied from the operation in short order and was able to sit up and take his own peculiar kind of nourishment within a month or so.

FRAUDS IN IMPORTED WINES.

American Expert Says Little of Genuine Article Is Sold in the United States.

Dr. Wiley, chemical expert from the United States, asserts that only a small proportion of the European wines served in America are genuine. "The American government," he says, "will have to pursue the same tactics as England, under the merchandise-marks act, to secure immunity from such frauds."

"England, before that enactment, was flooded with French wines bearing false labels. The most competent wine expert in London told me that the United States is the dumping ground for all kinds of inferior, mislabeled wines that are unmarketable in Europe. These wines are not only poor, but are sold under names which add immensely to their selling value."

"Since most of our wines are from France, it is evident that this country is the most offending, though others are not without sin. To stop these frauds, the United States will have to exercise the greatest vigilance through experts at the principal ports, such as Bordeaux, Rheims and Mayence."

"The United States congress and the legislatures of the several states should enact such laws as will prevent the changing of labels or after importation. The Sherman act partially safeguards this point, but it needs some amendment to make it efficacious."

JUDGE DEFINES INTOXICATION.

Federal Official Holds That a Man Is Not "Drunk" Until He Takes the "Third Degree."

The question as to what constitutes intoxication within the meaning of the law has just been passed upon by a judge of the United States circuit court in Vermont. The point arose in connection with an insurance case, in which the company refused to pay the policy on the ground that the person insured, who had stated in his application that he was never intoxicated, had frequently been seen in that condition. In an elaborate opinion the court defined three degrees of intoxication:

"In the first degree the ideas are uncommonly vivacious, but the individual perfectly retains the consciousness of his external condition, and, in fact, may be said to be in complete possession of his senses."

"In the second degree the man has still the use of his senses, though they are remarkably enfeebled, but he is entirely beside himself, memory and judgment having abandoned him."

"In the last stage, a man not only loses the possession of his reason, but his senses are so enfeebled that he is no longer conscious of his external relations."

On the basis of this classification the judge ruled that the man had never taken the "third degree" and could not have been fully intoxicated.

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